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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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SUBJ: NORTHERN ARMED FORCES BROADCAST AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

REFS: (A) ASMARA 305; (B) ADDIS 4876

1. AS RECORDED AND TRANSLATED HERE, BROADCAST BY NORTHERN ARMED FORCES (NAF) REPORTED ASMARA REFTEL ALSO INCLUDED STATEMENT NAF IN FIRM CONTROL OF ASMARA AND URGED MILITARY FORCES IN ADDIS AREA EMULATE NAF EXAMPLE: THEY SHOULD TAKE OVER CAPITAL TO COMPEL STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK.

2. ADDIS IS CALM THE MILITARY REMAIN DEPLOYED NEAR KEY FACILITIES IN TOWN, BUT BUS SERVICE HAS BEEN PARTIALLY RESTORED AND MAY BE FULLY BACK TOMORROW. EMPLOYERS' FEDERATION TELLS US THAT TELECOMMUNICATIONS WORKERS ON BOTH DAY AND NIGHT SHIFTS REPORTING TO WORK IN GROWING NUMBERS, AND OPERATIONS MAY RETURN TO NORMAL TOMORROW. IHA ALSO REPORTEDLY BACK AT WORK; SHIRT FACTORIES STILL
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OUT, HOWEVER.

3. PRESS MAY 1 CARRIES LENGTHY REPORT OF MOD WARNING TO STRIKERS
AND THOSE WHO ENCOURAGE THEM (CELU) TO GET BACK TO WORK.

4. PRESS ALSO FRONT-PAGES SHORT ANNOUNCEMENT OF MINTELECOMMUNICATIONS,

LTGEN ASSEFA AYENE'S "REMOVAL" FROM OFFICE (LATE APRIL 30) AND
SUBSEQUENT DETENTION FOR INVESTIGATION OF SECOND DIVISION CHARGES
AGAINST HIM BY COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.

5. WE HAVE STRONG IMPRESSION REIMPOSED CENSORSHIP CONTINUES TO
TIGHTEN.

6. COMMENT: FIRST MEMBER ENDALKACHEW CABINET THUS FALLS
BY WAYSIDE. THERE ALREADY STRONG INDICATIO OTHERS WILL
FOLLOW -- CF ADDIS 4680 PARA 5 AND ADDIS 4786 PARA 3. WYMAN

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